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USSR-POLAND: New Signs of Soviet Concern

Party secretary Rusakov, who is responsible for relations with the East European countries, yesterday began a "friendly working visit" to Poland. His trip coincided with the appearance in *Pravda* of a lengthy article accusing the US of using Radio Free Europe broadcasts to aggravate the situation in Poland. The Polish news agency has reported a "full convergence of views" between Rusakov and the Foreign Minister, but not with Premier Jaruzelski, on bilateral relations.

Comment: Rusakov's purpose probably is to obtain a firsthand assessment of the situation and to encourage a continued tough response. The Polish agency report suggests that he is more satisfied with Poland's handling of its foreign affairs than with the handling of the recent disturbances. The *Pravda* article appears aimed at diverting attention from the internal causes of the recent Polish disturbances and perhaps at directing West German sentiment against Radio Free Europe as a threat to peaceful East-West relations.

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